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Renata,

It's good that the Federal government is reconsidering the proposed Microsoft settlement as it fundamentally wrong to provide Microsoft with a clear path to expand its general monopoly. The education market is one of very few that Microsoft controls and allowing them to freely promote, evangelize and otherwise steal market share seems more like a gift than punishment. We should not be suggesting, or polluting, the minds of educators and students to use Microsoft versus its competitors by forcing Microsoft products and services upon them. Microsoft products have proven to be less than easy to use, prone to security risks and generally unreliable. Please don't force children and educators to use them, instead provide a choice to those who seek it.

I look forward to staying informed of your decisions and am hopeful they will result in all that is fair and right.

Best Regards,

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